

CONDITIONS FOR THE PARTICIPATION OF “EXTERNAL” GROUPS IN THE 2008 CLIMATE CHANGE IMPACTS ASSESSMENT STUDY

The 2008 Climate Change Impacts Assessment Study is a compendium of over 40 individual studies being carried out by researchers from many disciplines. Although the Scenarios Steering Committee endeavored to make the scope of the Project as comprehensible as possible, the Committee also sees that the overall scope and quality of the Project will benefit from contributing studies by external groups. Therefore, we invite participation of outside scientific organizations engaged in climate change research. Below are the conditions for participation:

1. External studies must procure their own funding, and the source of funding must be disclosed and acknowledged in the contributing paper(s). Funds for the Project have been awarded already and PIER is not able to fund additional studies for the Project.
2. The studies must be accepted by the Scenarios Steering Committee. They must be conducted in the same time frame as the other studies included in the 2008 Scenarios Project.
3. The external groups should use the climate scenarios developed for the 2008 Scenarios Project.
4. The external group must be willing to participate in the meetings and conference calls organized for the 2008 Scenarios Project. Preliminary papers must be available in May 2008 and a final paper by the fall of the same year.
5. The external groups must produce at least one paper that will be included as one of the papers produced for the 2008 Scenarios Project. They must follow the formatting requirements for all the papers that are going to be part of the 2008 Scenarios Project.
6. The studies must pass the same peer-review process as the other papers commissioned for the 2008 Scenarios Project.
7. The authors must be willing to submit a paper for publication in the peer-reviewed literature at the end of the 2008 Scenarios Project. A special issue for the 2008 Scenarios Project in *Climatic Change* or other prestigious journal is a possibility.